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Please enter the enclosed supplemental Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in the above referenced patent application. The Declaration submitted on June 18, 2004 had a typographical error in the priority information. The inventors have since resigned and dated the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: IMPROVED PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF 7-[a-AMINO (4-HYDROXYPHENYL) ACETAMIDO]-3-SUBSTITUTED-3-CEPHEM-4-CARBOXYLIC ACID

The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
b. ☒ was filed on March 15, 2004 as application serial no. 10/801443 and was amended on (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. filed and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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or

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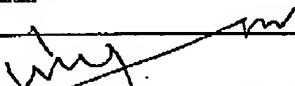
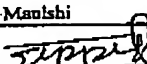
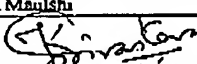
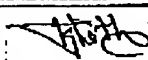
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